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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments prior to examination on the merits. This preliminary amendment is filed concurrent with a request for a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) from co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/046,894.